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SUBJ: CAMPAIGN TO ESTABLISH PARTY STRUCTURE

1. MALIAN PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE, IN MESSAGE TO THE NATION BROADCAST ON RADIO MALI AND PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL DAILY L'ESSOR APRIL 10, OPENED A CAMPAIGN TO ESTABLISH LOCAL CELLS OF THE NEW SINGLE PARTY, THE DEMOCRATIC UNION OF MALIAN PEOPLE (UDPM). THE SAME DAY, MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION (CMLN) WENT TO THE KAYES, GAO, SIKASSO, AND SEGOU REGIONS TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF PARTY STRUCTURE WITH LOCAL ADMINISTRATIONS.

2. IN ANNOUNCING THE CAMPAIGN, PRESIDENT TRAORE ADMITTED THAT THERE WAS A CERTAIN SKEPTICISM AMONG MALIANS AS TO WHETHER THEIR COUNTRY WOULD EVER RETURN TO NORMAL CONSTITUTIONAL

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LIFE. THIS SKEPTICISM HAD BEEN TO A CERTAIN EXTENT WELL-BASED, SAID THE PRESIDENT, BECAUSE THERE HAD BEEN WITHIN THE CMLN SOME WHO WOULD HAVE BURIED THE CONSTITUTION, SUFFOCATED THE PEOPLE'S ASPIRATIONS, AND DEPRIVED THEM OF THEIR MOST FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS. BUT, THE PRESIDENT NOTED, SINCE THE PURGE OF FEBRUARY 28, THE SHIP OF DEMOCRACY IS ASSURED OF ARRIVING AT A SAFE HARBOR IN MALI. THE PRESIDENT ASSURED THE MALIAN PEOPLE

THAT THEY COULD COUNT ON HIM. HE WOULD NEVER FORGET THAT HE WAS FIRST AND ABOVE ALL, IN THE SERVICE OF HIS PEOPLE. THE PRESIDENT INSISTED THAT HE WOULD PERSONALLY AND JEALOUSLY GUARD THE RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE.

3. COMMENT: THE PRESIDENT, DRESSED FOR ANNOUNCEMENT IN A PIN-STRIPED SAFARI SUIT (INSTEAD OF HIS USUAL UNIFORM), SOUNDED AS IF HE WAS NOT ONLY ESTABLISHING A PARTY STRUCTURE BUT OPENING AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN AS WELL. THE ODDS HERE ARE THAT MOUSSA TRAORE INTENDS TO BE MALI'S FIRST PRESIDENT UNDER THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER.

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